

DEMOCRATS CONFER.

THE STATE CHAIRMAN MEETS THE SECOND DISTRICT LEADER.

An Agent Killed by Escaping Gas—A New Morning Paper for Norfolk—Newport News.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., October 4.—The Democratic Executive Committee of the Second Congressional District met at State-Chairman Elyson and County Clerk Elyson today. The chairman of the district was discussed, and arrangements made for a thorough organization of the party, and for speaking in the district.

Colonel C. Fenton Day, of Smithfield, was in the city today, and left for Richmond to consult Mr. Ryan, the Collector of Internal Revenue, whose tender of the position of deputy collector here Colonel Day has accepted.

DEAD IN HER BED.

To-day about 11 o'clock Mrs. Emma Matherson, of Portsmouth, was found dead in her room at the corner of County street. It is supposed that death was caused by gas escaping from a stove. A colored girl was also found unconscious in the room.

To-day Rufus B. Pendleton, of this city, and Miss Margaret, daughter of Mr. Hardy Duke, of Churchland, were married in Elizabeth City, N. C.

A WESTERN VENTURE.

It is stated that a new morning daily paper is to be started in this city, with Dr. Kaufman, formerly of Chicago, at its head. It is to be published by the name of "The West," and is to be independent in politics. It will be published by a stock company.

The annual meeting of the Norfolk and Portsmouth County Exchange was held to-day, and the report of the board of directors read. The officers will be elected next week.

The Senatorial Convention meets at Virginia Beach to-morrow.

The new cruiser "Detroit" was under orders to leave the navy-yard to-day, and put to sea for Rio Janeiro, but the prevailing northerly winds prevented.

THE BEST PLACE.

It is thought here in naval circles that Newport News is very likely to get the new ship to build, which will be the largest of the Detroit type, but something smaller.

There is a large and unusual amount of influenza here, and the doctors are kept busy.

Mr. John W. Porter, who is a candidate for the office of sheriff of Norfolk county, resigned his seat as a member of the city Council last night.

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